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Web Portals on Missing Children
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up web portals to track missing and found children in the country and if so, the details thereof;
(b) the number of website hits regarding the number of missing children on the web portals along with the number of children rescued/tracked, State/UT-wise;
(c) the reasons identified behind the cases of missing children; and
(d) the measures taken by the Government for rehabilitation and education of such rescued children in coordination with the other Ministries/ Departments and States/UTs?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ)

(a) The Ministry of Women and Child Development has developed web portals "TrackChild" and "Khoya-Paya" to track the missing and found children. The Khoya-Paya has been integrated as a citizen corner on TrackChild portal.
(b) The number of website hits reported on TrackChild portal from January, 2012 to March, 2017 (upto 20-03-2017) are 12,62,10,875 The details of the number of missing children reported and uploaded on the portals along with number of children tracked so far with their help, State/UT wise is at Annexure-I & II respectively.

(c) & (d) Some of the reasons behind the cases of missing children could be kidnapping, abduction, trafficking, illegal adoption, run away children, due to natural calamities. The Ministry is implementing a centrally sponsored Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) for the improvement in the well being of children in difficult circumstances. Under ICPS, financial assistance is provided to the States/UTs for, inter-alia, undertaking a situational analysis of children in difficult circumstances, for setting up and maintenance of various types of Homes including Children Homes and Specialised Adoption Agencies. Under ICPS institutional care is provided through Child Care Institutions (CCIs). As a rehabilitative measure in these CCIs, children are provided age appropriate education either within the institution or outside in a formal education system through convergence with other schemes and programs of the Government or civil society. Under the non-institutional care component, ICPS provides support for adoption, foster care and sponsorship.

The Ministry has been implementing these web portals in association with various stakeholders including Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Ministry of Railways, State Governments/UT Administrations, Child Welfare Committees, Juvenile Justice Boards, National Legal Services Authority, etc. Further Ministry is also collobarating with Ministry of Railways to rescue and rehabilitate children in difficult circumstances who come in contact with Railways by setting up child help desks at platforms, so far they have been formed at 33 major stations.

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